

CONGRATULATING DAN FOUST, SR. FOR HIS LIFETIME DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine, Mr. Dan Foust, Sr. He is receiving the 2015 Lifetime Distinguished Service Award in the Cultural category from the Greater St. Charles County Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Foust has been a lifelong dedicated volunteer in the community. His membership with the St. Charles Lions Club started over twenty-seven years ago. During his time as a member he was instrumental in establishing and completing the McNair Park Braille Trail. In 2001, Mr. Foust, branched off from the St. Charles Lions club and chartered the First Capitol Lions club. From his many years of service during his time as a Lions member, Mr. Foust has received the highest honor a Lions member can—the Melvin Jones Fellowship award.

The German Chapter of the St. Charles Sister Cities has benefited from Mr. Foust's membership for over twenty years. His fundraising efforts have allowed the St. Charles Sister Cities to expand the number of student exchanges from two students to four. This club allows students from Germany and Ireland to experience life in the St. Charles area. Through this program students are able to foster mutual understanding, friendship, and goodwill through cultural, social, business, and educational exchanges.

In 2011, Mr. Foust started his Chairmanship position of the St. Charles Oktoberfest Festival. Under his leadership, this event has grown to over 100,000 attendees annually. This festival brings in funds to various groups in the area: First Capitol Lions Club, St. Peters Lions Club, Lake St. Louis Lions Club, Jonesburg Lions Club, Sister Cities of St. Charles, the St. Charles Jaycees, and many more groups.

Other areas that Mr. Foust has served include: a twenty-five year membership with the St. Charles Parks Foundation, a twenty year membership with the St. Charles Raccoon Conservation Club, and serving in local government for sixteen years. He also served as a former director of the St. Charles County Municipal League.

Mr. Foust enjoys time with his wife of thirty-six years, Carla and his four children—Carrie, Dan Jr., Justin, and Jason. His world is made brighter by his 16 grandchildren and will welcome his first great-grandchild in June of this year.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Mr. Dan Foust, Sr. on this Lifetime Distinguished Service Award in the Cultural category from the Greater St. Charles County Chamber of Commerce.

CONGRATULATING JOSHUA GILMER ON HIS ACCEPTANCE TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2015 SUMMER PROGRAM

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate University of Missouri student Joshua Gilmer on his acceptance to, and completion of, the U.S. Department of State's Critical Language Scholarship award (CLS) 2015 summer program.

Joshua, a graduate of Nixa High School in Nixa, Missouri, was one of just 550 out of about 5,500 applicants to be selected to receive admittance to the CLS program this year. This scholarship is a prestigious award, which offers a fully immersive language experience and cultural exchange to 13 countries around the world. The program is aimed at training the next generation of U.S. Citizens to gain an enriched cultural knowledge of other countries and to be well equipped for careers in diplomacy, international business, and other globalized industries.

Through the program, Joshua completed an Intermediate Russian language course in Vladimir, Russia. His time overseas was spent fostering not only his language skills, but his knowledge of and ability to relate to Russian culture. In the rapidly globalizing world, a cultural understanding of other countries is a key to continued American success in foreign affairs.

Mr. Speaker, Joshua Gilmer is now well-equipped with this new knowledge to broaden the horizons of his peers here in the U.S. I am proud to know that young people like Joshua from Missouri's Seventh Congressional District will one day help guide America's global economic interests, and urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating him on this achievement.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$19,000,235,912,585.65. We've added \$8,373,358,863,672.57 to our debt in 7 years. This is over \$8 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to state that I was unable to vote on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 due to community events held that evening in our district in Houston and Harris County, Texas.

If I had the opportunity to vote, I would have voted "Yea" on H.R. 3036, legislation to designate the National September 11 Memorial located at the World Trade Center in New York City, New York, as a national memorial.

CONGRATULATING DON BOSCHERT, JR. FOR HIS LIFETIME DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine, Mr. Don Boschert, Jr. He is receiving the 2015 Citizen of the Year Award from the Greater St. Charles County Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Boschert has called St. Charles County home his entire life. Since 1978, he has been an Investment Representative with Edward Jones in St. Charles.

During Mr. Boschert's time with Edward Jones, he has been recognized as a leader and was therefore named Regional Leader of St. Charles and Lincoln Counties from 1998 through 2004, and from 2001 through 2004, he served as a General Partner. Under his leadership, Edward Jones was able to expand from 19 branch offices to 50 branch offices. Mr. Boschert currently serves as a limited Partner for Edward Jones along with working with his son, Greg, in the heart of St. Charles.

The commitment that Mr. Boschert shows to the projects and programs of the chamber continue to make the organization stronger. In 1991, he served as President of the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce and also served as Chairman of the St. Charles County Convention Center and Sports Facilities for 3 years. In addition to those office positions, Don has served as President of the St. Charles Rotary, St. Peters Rotary, and United Services. He has held board positions with Crime Stoppers and the Academy of the Sacred Heart Golf Outing Committee.

His volunteering spirit also positively affects the Boys & Girls Club of St. Charles and the Child Welfare Allocation Panel for the United Way where he has served as a board member. The River City Rascals benefited from his leadership where he was a Limited Partner from 1997–2006.

For 33 years, Don and his wife, Jennie, have enjoyed life together in the St. Charles area.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Mr. Don Boschert, Jr. on this 2015 Citizen of the Year award from the Greater St. Charles County Chamber of Commerce.